

For Discussion at next NIS Committee Meeting

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Exploiting Non-IAC Agencies for Basic Intelligence Support

1. It would appear that there are many non-IAC agencies normally not called upon for direct support of NIS production requirements who can give considerable assistance in this direction. A case at point involves preparation of Section 32 of NIS 99. This was prepared by the Transportation Corps but found to have major deficiencies. The Transportation Corps Liaison Officer, Col. Vandergriff, was dissatisfied with the end product, and in the course of exploiting other facilities he visited the Bureau of Public Roads.

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2. It is my feeling that other support, principally in FOA, could very much improve other sections of the NIS, principally the economic ones. The recent study by FOA on the economic statistics of the entire continent of Africa is an amazing piece of work and should be of unusual assistance to the Department of State in developing economic sections on that area.

3. In consequence I urge all NIS Committee Members and others within their organizations to explore more carefully this type of assistance which can be rendered to the NIS Program and which will make more complete the basic intelligence therein.

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